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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Joint Atomic Energy
Intelligence Committee**

SUBJECT : Commendation

1. As Chairman of the United States Intelligence Board and on behalf of the U.S. Government, I wish to commend you and the members of the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC) for outstanding work displayed in developing timely and accurate assessments of the presence in Cuba of nuclear weapons and associated facilities and for assistance in assessing the capabilities of the Soviet strategic missile systems.

2. The effective utilization of the Cuban photography by the JAEIC and the all-source evaluations provided by the Committee have been of the utmost importance in supporting me and the President of the United States.

3. I am well aware of the tremendous pressures and long working hours represented by JAEIC's 29 meetings in the 26 days from 16 October through 10 November. While I regret that public acknowledgment of the contribution made by all the agencies and members of the Committee cannot be accorded, great pride should be taken in the high level of professional competence and devotion to duty which have been displayed.

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

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